




Lt. Col. Melvin Russell speaks with protesters outside the Baltimore Police Department's Western District headquarters, April 20, 2015. The Baltimore Police Department on Tuesday identified six officers suspended during an investigation into the death of Freddie Gray, who suffered a severed spinal cord after being chased and tackled by officers.


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Obama: Democratic critics of his trade agenda are 'wrong'



U.S. Chamber of Commerce President Tom Donohue testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, April 21, 2015, before a Senate Finance Committee hearing on fast track authority. Major labor unions and business groups clashed Tuesday over President Barack Obama's bid for "fast track" authority to advance trade deals being negotiated with numerous nations.

(AP Photo/Evan Vucci)

CHARLES BABINGTON
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) President Barack Obama hit back at fellow Democrats who oppose his trade initiatives, saying they have their facts wrong on the eve of a key Senate vote.

The president's blunt words Tuesday came as liberals, labor unions and others stepped up efforts to block his trade proposals, including the Trans-Pacific Partnership, which they say hurt U.S. jobs.

"I would not be doing this trade deal if I did not think it was good for the middle class," Obama said in an interview with MSNBC. "When you hear folks make a lot of suggestions about how bad this trade deal is, when you dig into the facts, they are wrong."

Asked particularly about criticisms from Sen. Elizabeth Warren, a Democrat, Obama said: "I love Elizabeth. We're allies on a whole host of issues. But she's wrong on this."

But several top Democrats aren't backing down. Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada told reporters, "I'm not only no, I'm

hell no" on Obama's bid for "fast-track" authority.

The Senate Finance Committee plans to vote Wednesday on the fast-track measure. It would renew presidential authority to send Congress trade deals it can endorse or reject, but not amend.

Few issues divide Democrats more than trade. Obama, like former president Bill Clinton, supports free trade, but most Democratic lawmakers do not.

Republicans generally support trade pacts. But Obama can't count on them alone to push the fiercely debated bills through the Republican-controlled House and Senate.

Clinton's and Obama's trade stands and liberal groups' opposition pose a dilemma for Hillary Rodham Clinton, the former first lady now seeking the presidency herself. Campaigning Tuesday in New Hampshire, she declined to say whether she supports the Pacific Rim proposal.

"We need to build things, too," Clinton said, taking a pro-manufacturing stance generally embraced by

both parties. "We have to do our part in making sure we have the capabilities and skills to be competitive," she said, while getting back to "a much more focused effort, in my opinion, to try to produce those capacities here at home." Meanwhile on Tuesday, a Senate Finance Committee hearing exposed Democratic divisions. Senators including Sherrod Brown and Debbie Stabenow reiterated concerns that trade

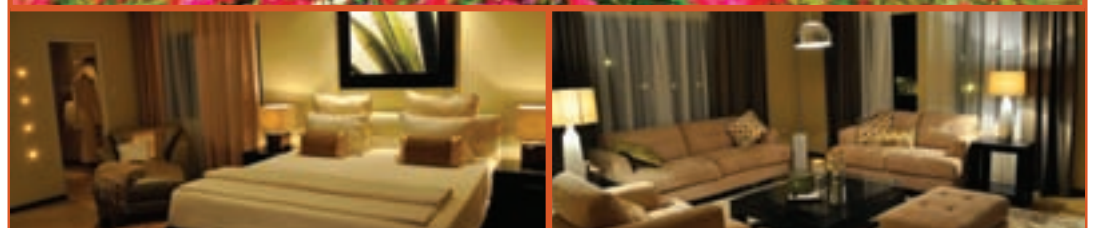
deals help foreign countries more than the United States.

Sen. Charles Schumer, a Democrat, insisted that the administration press China to stop manipulating its currency, even though China isn't a party to the Pacific Rim negotiations. "I'm disappointed in the efforts by President Obama," Schumer said.

If a nation keeps its currency value artificially low, it can boost exports by mak-

ing local products more affordable to foreigners. Economists disagree on whether China still engages in the practice, and the Obama administration says it addresses currency manipulation in the fast track bill.

Several Finance Committee Democrats back the bill. Sen. Mark Warner said the United States risks being left on the sidelines of an expanding global economy. □

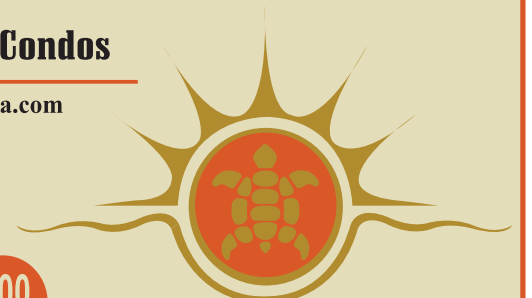


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Feds Investigate Baltimore Police-Custody Death

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Associated Press

BALTIMORE (AP) — The U.S. Justice Department said Tuesday it has opened an investigation into the death of a black man who died of spinal injuries he suffered during an arrest that involved being transported in a police van.

It's not uncommon for federal investigators to look into allegations of excessive police force, though such cases are coming under increased scrutiny amid a national debate about the deaths of black men at the hands of police. Justice Department investigations in the last year include probes into the fatal shooting of an unarmed black 18-year-old in Ferguson, Missouri — a case that resulted in no charges against the officer — and an ongoing review of a police chokehold death of a

New York City man. Those deaths prompted angry street protests, as has the case in Baltimore of Freddie Gray, 25. He was

contact" with him and another man in an area known for drug activity and the two started running, Baltimore police said. Gray

point during his roughly 30-minute ride, the van was stopped and Gray's legs were shackled when an officer felt he was becoming "irate" in the back of the van, police said.

He was rushed by ambulance to a hospital. Gray died Sunday — a week after his arrest — of what Deputy Police Commissioner Jerry Rodriguez described as "a significant spinal injury." Exactly how he was injured and what happened in the van is still not known. Gray's death, which comes, comes six months after Baltimore officials released a plan to reduce police brutality and misconduct. U.S. Justice Department spokeswoman Dena Iverson said federal investigators will look for evidence whether an officer willfully violated a person's civil rights by using unreasonable force. There's a high threshold for bringing federal civil rights charges

against police officers in such cases. Federal investigators must show an officer willfully deprived a person of his or her civil rights by using more force than the law allows, a standard that's challenging in rapidly unfolding confrontations in which snap judgments are made.

In the Baltimore case, six police officers have been suspended with pay while local authorities look into the death. The officers have been on the force anywhere from three years to 18 years. According to court documents, Officer Garrett Miller accused Gray of carrying a switchblade, which was discovered in Gray's pocket after he was stopped.

The lawyer for Gray's family said he believes the police had no reason to stop him. "They've made concessions on lack of probable cause," attorney Billy Murphy said. □



Demonstrators protest the death of man who died a week after a confrontation with police, in front of the Baltimore Police Department's western district station, April 20, 2015. Six police officers have been suspended and officials said Monday they are changing police procedures as they investigate the death of Freddie Gray, a 25-year-old black man who was rushed to the hospital with a severed spinal cord after being chased and tackled by officers.

(Matt Roth/The New York Times)

taken into custody April 12 after police "made eye contact" with him and another man in an area known for drug activity and the two started running, Baltimore police said. Gray

was handcuffed and put in a transport van. At some

Sex trafficking bill paves way for Lynch confirmation



Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) delivers remarks following a vote on a bill to help victims of sex trafficking, at the Capitol in Washington, April 21, 2015. After weeks of difficult negotiations, the Senate on Tuesday reached an agreement on the bill, paving the way for a confirmation vote on Loretta Lynch to replace Eric Holder Jr. as attorney general.

(Zach Gibson/The New York Times)

WASHINGTON - After weeks of difficult negotiations, the Senate on Tuesday reached an agreement on a bill to help victims of sex trafficking, paving the way for a confirmation vote on Loretta Lynch to replace Eric Holder Jr. as attorney general.

"I'm thrilled we were finally able to come together to break the impasse over this vital legislation," said Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, the main sponsor of the bill. "I look forward to swift passage in the Senate so we can ensure victims of human trafficking receive the resources they need to restore their lives."

A vote was expected as early as Tuesday afternoon. Disagreement over a provision that would ban criminal fines put into a victims' fund from being used to pay for abortions created a broader stalemate in the Senate as Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, the majority leader, said he would not schedule a vote on Lynch's nomination until the Senate passed the trafficking bill. Other matters, such as a measure that would give Congress a voice in the nuclear negotiations between Western nations and Iran have also been also on the legislative runway, awaiting the fate of a relatively small bill.

It has been about five months since President Barack Obama nominated Lynch to succeed Holder, meaning she has waited longer than any other Cabinet secretary nominee in the past three administrations. With the stated support of at least five Republicans, she is expected to be confirmed.

The agreement on the trafficking bill ends a protracted debate on a once-bipartisan effort to fight trafficking by increasing penalties for perpetrators and support for victims. The bill hit a snag last month when Democrats said they had become aware of the abortion provision.

As a compromise, the fund to assist victims will now essentially be split in two. One pool of money, collected from criminal offenders, will be deposited into the General Fund of the Treasury and used for non-health care services, which will not be subject to abortion restrictions. Other money would come from that already appropriated by Congress for Community Health Centers. It would be available for health care and medical services and would be subject to longstanding laws restricting the use of federal funds for abortions.

While Democrats had resist-

ed anything that seemed to be an expansion of abortion provisions, they lost some leverage after voting for a bill to address the Medicare payment system that also included longstanding abortion federal provisions.

"Today marks a major milestone in our fight against sex trafficking," Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., who has made sex trafficking a major issue, said in a prepared statement. She added, "There are a lot of people on both sides of the aisle who care deeply about supporting victims of trafficking, and I am pleased that we have finally been able to come together to find a resolution that will allow us to move this important legislation forward." □

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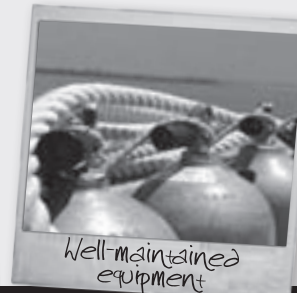
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Jury in Boston Marathon trial sees photo of defiant Tsarnaev



Demonstrators against the death penalty stand outside the Moakley Federal Court during first day of the penalty phase for Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 in Boston. The government then began calling to the stand what is expected to be a long line of witnesses who lost legs or loved ones in the April 15, 2013, bombing that killed three people and wounded more than 260. An MIT police officer was shot to death days later as Tsarnaev and his older brother, Tamerlan, tried to get away.

(John Tlumacki /The Boston Globe via AP)

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AP Legal Affairs Writer
BOSTON (AP) — The pen-

alty phase in the Boston Marathon bomber's death penalty trial opened in

dramatic fashion Tuesday, with federal prosecutors portraying Dzhokhar Tsar-

naev as a coldblooded killer and "America's worst nightmare."

The jury that will decide whether the 21-year-old former college student should be executed heard witnesses who lost legs or loved ones in the April 15, 2013, bombing.

First, the jury was shown large, vibrant pictures of the four people killed in the Boston Marathon bombing and its aftermath. Then prosecutors pulled out the photo they saved for last: Tsarnaev making a crude gesture to the security camera in his jail cell.

"This is Dzhokhar Tsarnaev — unconcerned, unrepentant and unchanged," federal prosecutor Nadine Pellegri told the jury.

Three people were killed and more than 260 wounded in the bombing, carried out by Tsarnaev and his older brother, Tamerlan, to punish the U.S. for its wars in Muslim countries. A Mas-

sachusetts Institute of Technology police officer was shot to death days later as the brothers tried to get away.

Tsarnaev was convicted earlier this month of all 30 charges against him during the trial's guilt-or-innocence phase. His lawyers did not give an opening statement Tuesday but will do so once the prosecution has made its case.

The defense contends Tamerlan, 26, masterminded the bombing, and Dzhokhar, then 19, fell under his influence.

The 12-member jury must be unanimous for Tsarnaev to receive a death sentence; otherwise, he will automatically get life behind bars.

Several jurors shed tears as the father of Krystle Campbell, a 29-year-old restaurant manager killed in the bombing, described how he called his daughter "princess." □

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Oklahoma reserve deputy pleads not guilty

J. JUOZAPAVICIUS
Associated Press

TULSA, Oklahoma (AP) —

A 73-year-old Oklahoma reserve deputy who fatally shot a suspect who was pinned down by officers pleaded not guilty on Tuesday to a second-degree manslaughter charge.

Robert Bates declined to comment to reporters as he made his initial court appearance in Tulsa district court. His next court date is scheduled for July 2.

The Tulsa County volunteer has said he shot Eric Harris on April 2 after confusing his stun gun and handgun. The district attorney charged Bates in the death after the sheriff's office released video of shooting in which Bates is overheard

apologizing for shooting the suspect.

In separate news conferences on Monday, the county sheriff and lawyers for Harris' family disagreed on whether the reserve officer should have been allowed to conduct police work.

Sheriff Stanley Glanz said Bates, his longtime insurance agent and former campaign manager, had been properly trained and passed annual firearms certifications required by the state.

Dan Smolen, a lawyer for Harris' family, said the Tulsa County Sheriff's Office violated a number of its internal policies by letting Bates carry his personal handgun after training at the range

on another weapon. Smolen also said the department failed to keep a permanent record of Bates' training, in violation of local policies.

Records Bates released during the weekend showed that the volunteer officer was trained on a .45, not the weapon used in Harris' death.

Bates, who sold his insurance business for \$6 million in 1999, was trained to be a Tulsa Police Department patrolman in 1964 but left in 1965. He was out of law enforcement for 35 years, returning for volunteer work in Florida in 2000 before joining the Tulsa County force in 2008 and making a number of donations to the agency. □



US Financial Front:

Employers cut jobs in 31 US states as growth slows



Some of the 60 rigs that are drilling surrounding McKenzie County, 40 percent of the rigs statewide, work in western North Dakota. Released on Tuesday, April 21, 2015, unemployment rates fell in 23 U.S. states last month and rose in 12 as employers pulled back on hiring and a slowdown in oil and gas drilling caused big job losses in some states. (AP Photo/Matthew Brown)

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Employers in 31 U.S. states cut jobs last month as

weak economic growth weighed on hiring and a slowdown in oil and gas drilling caused big job losses in some states.

The Labor Department said Tuesday that unemployment rates rose or were unchanged in 27 states and fell in 23 states. Eight-

teen states gained jobs, while employment was unchanged in Idaho.

The biggest job cuts occurred in states with large oil and gas drilling, led by Texas, which lost 25,400 jobs, and followed by Oklahoma, which cut 12,900. Pennsylvania lost 12,700, the third largest loss. A sharp fall in oil prices since last June has caused oil and gas companies to cut back on drilling. Pennsylvania has benefited in recent years from the discovery of shale gas fields in the state. Nationwide, employers added just 126,000 jobs in March, the fewest in 15 months and snapping a year-long streak of monthly gains above 200,000. The unemployment rate remained 5.5 percent.

Harsh winter weather and a labor dispute at West Coast ports that disrupted shipping dragged down

the economy in the first three months of the year. Consumers, meanwhile, have saved much of the windfall they have received from cheaper gas prices, lowering spending. And a big jump in the dollar's value also has made U.S. exports more expensive and lowered overseas sales of U.S. goods. All told, economists forecast that growth slowed to an annual rate of 1 percent or less in the first quarter, down from a roughly 3.4 percent pace in the second half of last year. Still, most analysts expect hiring and growth to rebound this spring. The cutbacks in oil and gas production have also led to job losses in North Dakota, which had experienced an oil and gas boom since the recession. The boom sent the unemployment rate falling to the lowest in the nation. □

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Campaign against Yemen rebels enters new phase, Saudi says

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Associated Press

NAJRAN, Saudi Arabia (AP)

— Saudi Arabia declared an end on Tuesday to its nearly month-long "Decisive Storm" air campaign against Houthi rebels in Yemen, and announced the start of a more limited military campaign aimed at preventing the rebels from operating.

Speaking at a news conference in Riyadh, spokesman for the Saudi-led coalition Brig. Gen. Ahmed Asiri said the campaign of heavy airstrikes would be scaled down, but did not confirm whether they would stop altogether.

"There might be less frequency and the scope of the actions might be less, but there will be military

action," Asiri said.

He said the goals of the coalition's new phase, called "Renewal of Hope," are to prevent Houthi rebels from "targeting civilians or changing realities on the ground."

The U.S.-backed campaign by Saudi Arabia, which was launched March 26, was aimed at crushing the Houthis and allied military units loyal to former autocratic Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh, who had taken over the capital of Sanaa and much of northern Yemen. The kingdom says the aim is also to restore to power President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi, who was forced to flee Yemen to Saudi Arabia last month.

Asiri said that Saudi Arabia and its coalition allies,



Saudi soldiers look towards the border with Yemen, at a military point in Najran, Saudi Arabia, Tuesday, April 21, 2015. (AP Photo/Hasan Jamali)

mainly Gulf Arab countries, were concluding this phase of the operation upon the request of the "legitimate" Yemeni government, led by Hadi.

Al-Qaida in Yemen has made tactical gains amid the chaos. The ground fighting and airstrikes have pushed Yemen, the Arab world's poorest country, to the brink of collapse. The fighting has also taken on the appearance of a proxy war between Iran, the Shiite powerhouse backing the Houthis, and Sunni-dominated Saudi Arabia. The Houthi militias are active in the southern port

city of Aden, which has seen fierce fighting and the shelling in recent weeks. Earlier Tuesday, the coalition pounded Houthis and their allies, killing 20 fighters in the western city of Ibb, where Yemeni security officials say the rebels were assembling to head to Aden as reinforcements against forces loyal to Hadi.

Meanwhile, the civilian death toll rose to 38 from airstrikes the day before in the capital, Sanaa, officials said. All officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media. The rebel-con-

trolled Interior Ministry said 84 people in total were killed across the country in Monday's airstrikes. The casualty figures could not be independently confirmed. Asiri said that coalition forces would continue to maintain a naval blockade on Yemen to vet ships and their content to ensure no weapons reach the Houthi militias or Saleh's forces. Saudi Arabia accuses Iran of arming the Houthis — a claim both Tehran and the rebels deny, though the Islamic Republic has provided political and humanitarian support to the Shiite group. □

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Iraqi troops retake some Ramadi districts IS

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Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraqi security forces have recaptured areas lost earlier to the Islamic State group in and around the western city of Ramadi in the volatile Anbar province, security officials said Tuesday. Police Maj. Omar al-Alawani said government forces regained control

of the city's Pediatric and Maternity Hospital and the surrounding neighborhood late Monday night after fierce clashes with IS militants. The hospital is located about 500 meters (yards) from a complex of government offices. On Tuesday, Iraqi troops were engaged in intense clashes in an offensive to regain control of Sou-

fiya, one of three villages that fell into the hands of the Islamic State group last week, said police Col. Mahdi Abbas.

Both officials said the battles turned in favor of government forces after the arrival of reinforcements and weapons from Baghdad. At least 12 militants were killed in the clashes overnight, they said. □



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Auschwitz guard goes on trial, says he shares moral guilt

DAVID RISING
Associated Press

LUENEBURG, Germany

(AP) — Former SS Sgt. Oskar Groening told a German court Tuesday that he helped keep watch as thousands of Jews were led from cattle cars directly to the gas chambers at the Auschwitz death camp where he served as a guard.

The 93-year-old, charged with 300,000 counts of accessory to murder, said as his trial opened that he witnessed individual atrocities, but did not acknowledge participating in any crimes. He recalled how a fellow guard discovered a baby abandoned among luggage and bashed it against a truck to stop its crying. After that, he unsuccessfully requested a transfer and started to drink vodka heavily to cope with working at the camp in Nazi-occupied Poland, he said.

"I share morally in the guilt but whether I am guilty un-

der criminal law, you will have to decide," Groening told judges hearing the case at the Lueneburg state court in northern Germany. Under the German legal system, defendants do not enter formal pleas. Groening testified in a lengthy statement to the court that he volunteered to join the SS in 1940 after working briefly at a bank, and served at Auschwitz from 1942 to 1944.

Aside from helping on the ramp as transports of Jews arrived, Groening said his main task was to help col-



Defendant Oskar Groening sits on the dock of the court in Lueneburg, northern Germany, Tuesday, April 21, 2015. The 93-year-old former Auschwitz guard faces trial on 300,000 counts of accessory to murder.

(Julian Stratenschulte/Pool Photo via AP)

lect and tally money as part of his job dealing with the belongings stolen from people arriving at Auschwitz — a job for which the German press has dubbed him the "Accountant of Auschwitz." Groening said the money was regularly sent back to Berlin. Pressed by presiding Judge Franz Kompisch, he said his view was that it belonged to the state. "They didn't need it anymore," he said of the Jews from whom the money was taken — drawing gasps from Auschwitz survivors watching. □

Court sentences Egypt's Morsi to 20 years in prison

MAGGIE MICHAEL
Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — Egypt's ousted Islamist president, Mohammed Morsi, was convicted of using force against protesters and sentenced to 20 years in prison on Tuesday, the first verdict against him since he was removed by the military

nearly two years ago. The case was the latest in a series of mass trials on a range of charges against Morsi and other members of his Muslim Brotherhood, which Egypt's government has vowed to crush, branding it a terrorist organization. Amnesty International denounced Morsi's trial as

a "sham" — as rights groups have called many of the trials over the past two years. The Brotherhood went from decades as an underground organization to vault to power after Egypt's 2011 popular uprising toppled longtime autocrat Hosni Mubarak. The Brotherhood was the big-

gest winner in subsequent parliament elections, and Morsi — running as its candidate — became Egypt's first freely elected president in 2012. But a year later, millions protested against Morsi's divisive rule, and then-army chief Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi led the military's July 2013 removal of Morsi. □



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Migrant boat hit rescue ship, official says; captain held

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MINEO, Sicily - When the Italian coast guard first got a call Saturday night from a fishing boat alerting it to large vessel carrying migrants in the Mediterranean between the Libyan coast and Italian island of Lampedusa, it radioed the nearest commercial ship, a Portuguese freighter called the King Jacob, to go help. What happened when the King Jacob approached the multitiered vessel early Sunday is not precisely clear. But an account provided Tuesday by prosecutors in Sicily, based on interviews with survivors, said the captain of the migrant ship, seeing the approaching King Jacob,



An undated handout photo of Mohammed Ali Malek, left, the captain of a boat crowded with migrants that capsized off the coast of Libya in April 2015, and Mahmud Bikhit, a crew member. Both are likely to be charged with engaging in illegal migration. An official with the United Nations said that the ship was carrying 850 people, and that only 28 were known to have survived.

(Italian Police via The New York Times)

made "wrong maneuvers" and collided with it. The migrants then crowded to one side of their boat after the collision, causing it to capsize. Investigators are just beginning to debrief the few survivors of the wreck: 28 men out of the estimated 850 people who packed onto the migrant vessel. But they have arrested its captain, identified Tuesday by prosecutors as Mohammed Ali Malek, 27, a Tunisian, on suspicion of multiple homicide. Malek and another crew member, Mahmud Bikhit, 25, a Syrian, are likely to be charged with engaging in illegal migration. Survivors told Flavio Di Giacomo, a spokesman for the International Organization for Migration, that

the ship departed from a beach in Libya. More than 1,000 people gathered to board the ship, some of whom had been hiding for days or weeks in filthy "connection houses" operated by smugglers. On the beach, the smugglers first lined up the men and ordered them on the boat. Very few women or children were included. Nearly all the men were from African countries, including Mali, Gambia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Ivory Coast, Eritrea and Somalia, as well as some from Bangladesh. The tragedy has put a new focus on human trafficking through North Africa to Europe, and especially the growing role of Libya as a staging point for refugees desperate to flee war, poverty and persecution in Africa and the Middle East. The episode has highlighted a growing humanitarian crisis, and the European Council president, Donald Tusk, has called for a European summit meeting to be held Thursday to address the issue. Rising numbers of refugees have been trying to reach Europe as the weather improves, often traveling in rickety boats operated by ruthless smugglers. Many never make it. □

Greek anger over cash grab from public entities

Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Greek local authorities were on the brink of revolt Tuesday against the central government's move to use cash reserves from state agencies — including hospitals and kindergartens — to help the country make ends meet. At an emergency meeting in Athens, angry mayors voted to defy the order to have spare reserves put in

a central bank account. They also agreed to stage protests and take "every possible political and legal action" against the radical left-led government over its decision. "Not a single municipality should deposit even one euro at the Bank of Greece," said Ioannis Lolos, mayor of the northwestern town of Igoumenitsa. Citing an "extremely urgent and unforeseen" need for cash, an emergency gov-

ernment decree Monday rendered funds from state entities — such as the national opera, the national art gallery and even hospitals and kindergartens — available for short-term loans to the state. That is expected to raise up to 2 billion euros (\$2.1 billion), enough to pay Greece's public debts through May. The move, unprecedented in recent Greek history, is the latest sign that the

country is running perilously short of cash amid an impasse in bailout talks with its international creditors. Until it reaches an agreement with its creditors from the 19-country eurozone and the International Monetary Fund, Greece will not get a badly-needed 7.2 billion euros (\$7.7 billion) in rescue funds, without which Athens will be unable to meet loan obligations this summer. □

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Chinese president applauds Pakistan's anti-terror efforts



Visiting Chinese President Xi Jinping, left and Pakistan's Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif attend a press conference after their talks in Islamabad, Pakistan. Xi is on a two-day visit in which he announced \$45 billion worth of investment projects in energy and infrastructure development.

(Lan Hongguang/Xinhua via AP)

ZARAR KHAN
ASIF SHAHZAD
Associated Press

ISLAMABAD (AP) — Chinese President Xi Jinping on Tuesday applauded Pakistan's anti-terrorism efforts and vowed his nation would continue to stand by its neighbor as he wrapped up a two-day visit meant to

boost bilateral ties and assure Islamabad of Beijing's support.

"We in China have a great admiration for the people of Pakistan," Xi told Pakistani lawmakers in a speech before parliament, adding that the Chinese people will always stand together with "depend-

able" Pakistani friends.

Xi said the ties between the two countries were based on mutual trust and a friendship that was truly unique. The lawmakers gave the Chinese leader a standing ovation. Military leaders and foreign ambassadors also attended the event.

Xi pledged that China and Pakistan will always move forward together and the Chinese people will always stand together with the Pakistani people. He spoke in Chinese language, and an official translation into English was provided.

He said both the countries shared common stakes in security and that Pakistan had contributed greatly to security and stability of China's western border. "This is something that we should never forget," he said.

In his own speech after Xi's, Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif pledged to strengthen ties between the two countries.

"We will fight together to eliminate the menace of terrorism," he said.

Xi arrived Monday to Islamabad, where he and Sharif oversaw their ministers and other officials signing 51 deals.

The Chinese leader brought with him investment projects worth \$45 billion in energy and infrastructure construction, Pakistani Minister for Planning and Development Ahsan Iqbal said. Up to \$37 billion would be spent on Pakistan's troubled electrical grid, Iqbal said. Of the total investment, Iqbal said, \$28 billion projects were ready to be rolled out, while it will take three to five years for rest of them to take start. China and Pakistan long have maintained close po-

litical and military relations, based partly on mutual antipathy toward neighbor India. However, stronger China-India ties have challenged that perception and Xi's visit seems intended to reassure Pakistan.

Xi postponed a visit to Islamabad last year due to anti-government protests in Pakistan and instead traveled to India. China also is eager to boost trade and investment with New Delhi, and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to visit Beijing in the coming weeks.

China is a leading arms supplier to Pakistan and has sought its help in combating anti-Chinese Islamic separatists reportedly hiding in Pakistan's lawless tribal areas. □

Japan's Abe sends offerings to war shrine

MARI YAMAGUCHI
Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — Prime Minister Shinzo Abe sent religious offerings Tuesday rather than visiting a Tokyo shrine that honors Japan's war dead, including convicted World War II leaders, a move less likely to draw controversy on his Southeast Asian trip and an upcoming U.S. visit.

Previous visits by Japanese leaders to pray at Yasukuni Shrine have drawn sharp rebukes from China and South Korea. Abe's last visit to Yasukuni, in December 2013, also was criticized by Washington.

The shrine said Abe sent "masakaki" offerings, with

a wooden plate showing his name and title. He sent similar offerings last spring and fall at the shrine, which honors war criminals including wartime leader Hideki Tojo among the 2.5 million war dead.

Abe's move comes at a sensitive time as he has expressed hopes of meeting Chinese President Xi Jinping during an Asia-African conference this week in Indonesia, which will draw more than 100 leaders. No meeting between the two has been set.

"If there is an opportunity to hold talks in a natural way, I'm open," Abe told reporters before heading to Indonesia. "I hope to further

improve our relations."

The shrine's spring festival will end just as he returns Thursday evening.

Though the shrine is open to visits any time of year, politicians customarily visit during the spring and fall festivals or on the Aug. 15 anniversary of Japan's surrender ending World War II. After he returns from Indonesia, Abe soon will leave on an eight-day U.S. tour. He will talk with President Barack Obama and speak to a joint meeting of Congress, where he is expected to touch on Japan's wartime history as part of Japan-U.S. relations since the war. □

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Argentine prosecutor rejects case against president

PETER PRENGAMAN

Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES (AP) — An Argentine prosecutor on Monday dismissed accusations against President Cristina Fernandez that she helped shield Iranian officials allegedly behind the 1994 bombing of a Jewish center, effectively putting an end to a case that had exposed deep divisions in the South American nation.

Javier De Luca, prosecutor before the Court of Appeals, said there wasn't enough evidence in late prosecutor Alberto Nisman's investigation to warrant a probe.

"There has been no crime," De Luca wrote in his decision, echoing two previous court decisions.

The case was rejected by a federal judge in February and then thrown out on appeal by the Federal Appeals court. De Luca's decision not to present the case to the next level of appeals court means it has effectively reached the end of the line.

As the drama played out over the last three months,

each court decision has been greeted by supporters and detractors of Fernandez's administration accusing the other side of

Bohmer, a law professor at the University of Buenos Aires. "The display of divisions and fear sent all the wrong messages." Days before he

of Iranian officials wanted in the bombing of the Jewish community center.

The president has strongly denied the allegations and



A woman chants the Argentine national anthem holding a portrait of the late prosecutor Alberto Nisman outside the AMIA Jewish community center in Buenos Aires, Argentina. An Argentine prosecutor has dismissed the accusations made by Nisman against President Cristina Fernandez that she helped shield Iranian officials allegedly behind the 1994 bombing of a Jewish community center.

(AP Photo/Rodrigo Abd)

using Nisman's death for political reasons.

"The case underscored the idea that there is no rule of law," said Martin

was found dead Jan. 18, Nisman accused Fernandez and other top administration officials of helping cover up the alleged role

Iran has long denied the involvement in the bombing, which killed 85 people and stands as the country's worst terrorist attack. □

New York's Cuomo first US governor in post-detente Cuba

M. WEISSENSTEIN

Associated Press

HAVANA (AP) — Cuban officials and New York business executives are exploring ways for companies to do business on the communist-run island despite the longstanding U.S. embargo that makes most trade and investment illegal, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo said this week.

Cuomo was on the first days of a visit that made him the first U.S. governor to visit Cuba since the recent thaw in relations with the communist nation. He met with Cuba's top officials for U.S. relations along with executives from Jetblue, Chobani Greek Yogurt, Pfizer and other New York-based companies.

Before a series of meetings between the executives and Cuban officials, Cuomo praised the decision by presidents Barack Obama and Raul Castro to re-establish diplomatic relations after a half-century, and move toward a broader normalization expected to include deeper trade ties.

"Like the people in Cuba, the people in New York and the United States are very excited about the courage that your president, Raul Castro, has shown, and the leadership that he has shown," Cuomo said. "We believe that this is going to be a dramatic change that is going to be to the benefit of the people of Cuba and also to the people of the United States."

Obama loosened the trade embargo early this year with a series of executive actions that allow easier U.S. travel to Cuba, more remittances to the island and, at least on paper, U.S. exports to support the island's relatively new private business sector. □

Anger simmers in Chile over bishop appointment

EVA VERGARA

Associated Press

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — Parishioners in a southern Chile diocese are gathering wherever their new bishop appears, but their presence is not the sort of assembly the Catholic Church would expect.

In the month since Bishop Juan Barros was installed in Osorno, the priest has had to sneak out of back exits, call on riot police to shepherd him from the city's cathedral and coordinate movements with bodyguards and police canine units. Such is the public

routine of the bishop who is denounced by his opponents as having shielded Chile's most notorious pedophile priest. For his part, Barros says relations are improving.

The appointment of Barros by Pope Francis has unleashed an unprecedented protest, with more than 1,300 church members, 30 diocesan priests and nearly half of Chile's Parliament sending letters urging the pope to reconsider.

They may be emboldened after Francis on Tuesday accepted the resignation of a U.S. bishop, Robert

Finn, who pleaded guilty to failing to report a suspected abuser, answering calls by victims to hold priests accountable and ensure children are protected.

At least three men say Barros was present when they were sexually molested in the 1980s and 1990s by the Rev. Fernando Karadima. Karadima was sanctioned by the Vatican in 2011 for sexually abusing minors, ordered to live out his life cloistered in a nun's convent. Barros has said he knew nothing of Karadima's abuses.

The controversy is being

watched by victims, advocacy groups and lawmakers as a test of the pope's promises to crack down on clerical sex abuse. On April 12, members on the pope's sex abuse advisory committee traveled to Rome to voice their concerns.

The pope has not spoken publicly about the case. In late March, however, the Vatican released a statement defending Barros, saying the Congregation for Bishops examined his candidacy "and did not find objective reasons to preclude the appointment." □



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name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba for between 20 and 34 years consecutive. Mr. Ricardo Croes representing Aruba Tourism Authority conducted the ceremony

at the Renaissance Ocean Suites. The Whites commented that the top reasons for returning were they consider Aruba to be the 'Happy Island,' the great weather and friendly Aruban hospitality, the

white sand beaches and the local food. On the pictures Mr. Ricardo Croes from ATA together with Peregrine White and family and also Tino from the Renaissance Ocean Suites. □



Team Aruba Goes to Final Round at Southern Nationals



BRADENTON, FL. April 21, 2015 - Trevor Eman and Team Aruba took the Aruba.com Mustang to its first final of the 2015 IHRA season at this past weekend's Nitro Jam Southern Nationals. The team proved that they are a force to be reckoned with on the quarter-mile, qualifying third in the eight car field with a time of 6.338 at 221.02 MPH, just five hundredths behind top qualifier, John Montecalvo. In eliminations, Team Aru-

ba was focused on staying consistent through each round and did just that. Eman took out Matt Bertsch in round one on a hole shot advantage. In round two, Eman faced number two qualifier, J.R. Carr. Despite Carr having the advantage on paper it was Team Aruba who would take the win and progress to their first final round of the season. The finals paired Eman with good friend John Montecalvo. Unfortunately, the Aruba.com Mustang lost traction on the run, causing Eman to have to abort and hand Montecalvo the victory. Still, the team was pleased with the overall results from the weekend. "It was a great weekend for us in Bradenton," Eman stated after the event. "Although we only made it down the track for one of the qualifying rounds, it was good enough to place us third and give us a race day setup. All the eliminations rounds were very exciting. The first two simply because they were good side by side drag races, and the third one as it caught my attention after getting loose and causing us to abort the run. "We had consistent runs in eliminations and were trying to keep it that way for the final round," Eman continued, explaining the team's strategy. "We weren't putting any kind of tune up in it to try to break records. We were hoping to repeat our performance from the two previous runs, but John Montecalvo put down a very good run that I must honestly say I don't think we had a tune up for even if we did make it down the track straight. John made some very good runs through both days of racing. He and his team earned this win." Once engines are fired, any racer will tell you it doesn't matter who is in the next lane, but when the helmets come off,

U.S. Bounty Hunters Pro Stock racers are more like a band of brothers than fierce professional competitors. This is very true for Eman and Montecalvo, as Eman explains: "John Montecalvo and his entire team we consider very close friends. John and LA have visited us in Aruba a couple of times now, and Tommy Lee (Montecalvo's Crew Chief) did an exhibition Pro Stock match race with me in Aruba several years ago. So I really appreciate these people very much, and it's an honor to race against them. The great thing about IHRA Pro Stock racing is that you can line up at the starting line against your friends, not be friends for those six seconds, and after the race, win or lose, get out of the race car better friends than you were before stepping in." As always, Team Aruba not only strove for visibility through their on-track performance, but, perhaps even more importantly, worked to make their tiny island famous to the thousands of Southern Nationals attendees. "I certainly hope we made Aruba proud. I know they were following the live feed and our Facebook posts. We loved connecting with all our fans on the west side of Florida and look forward to meeting new ones on Florida's east coast as we continue on to Palm Beach International Raceway now this upcoming weekend. We know we have what it takes to compete with the best of the U.S. Bounty Hunters Pro Stock teams and hope to repeat and improve and make Aruba just a little prouder." Watch Team Aruba live via the Webcast on IHRA.com. Follow Team Aruba on Facebook and Twitter. Find race results, team updates, videos and photos. Also leave your comments to cheer on Team Aruba! □

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Atlanta Hawks head coach Mike Budenholzer gestures during the second half of an NBA basketball game against the Charlotte Hornets, Friday, April 10, 2015, in Atlanta. Atlanta won 104-80. Associated Press

Atlanta's Mike Budenholzer voted NBA coach of the year

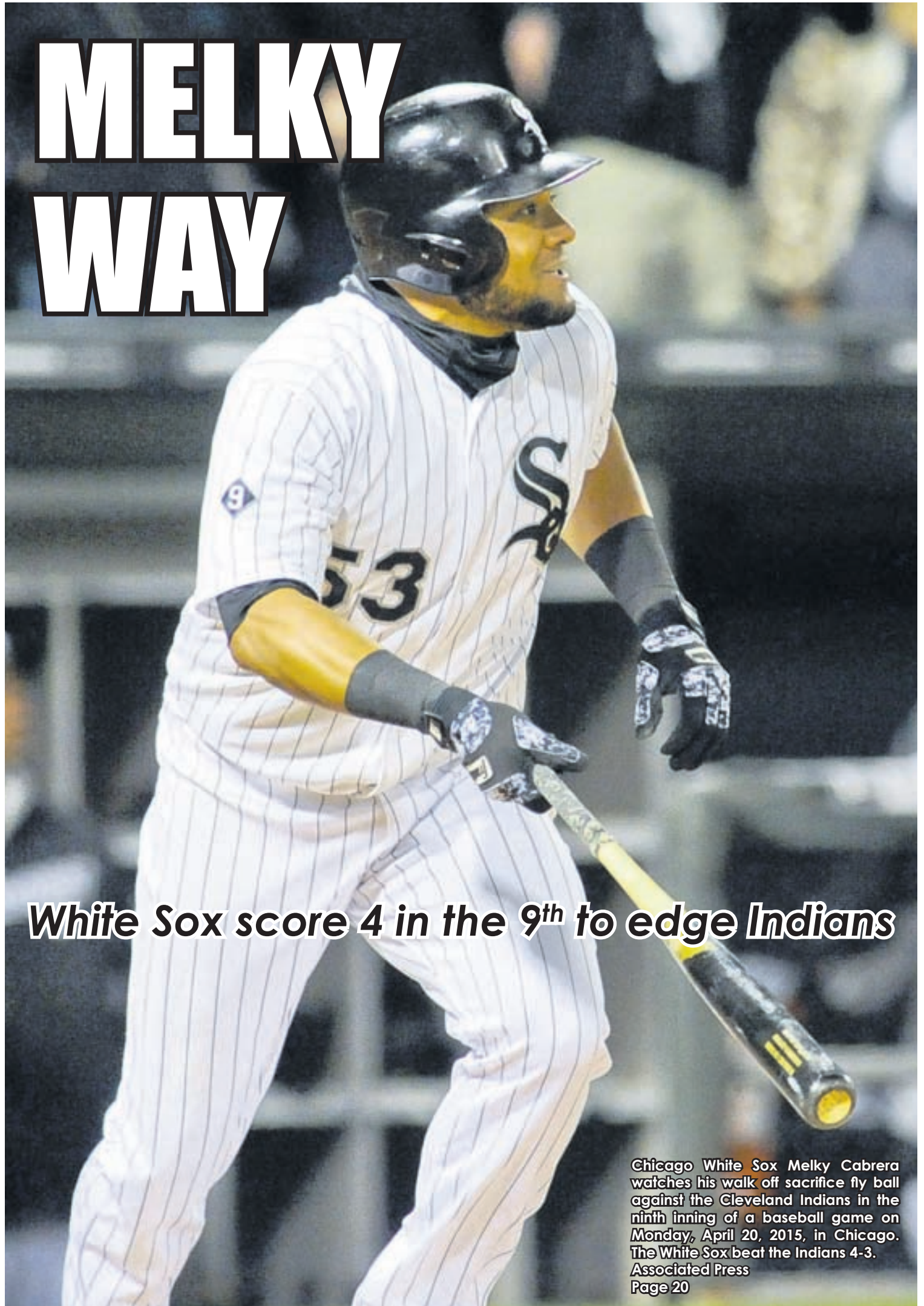
PAUL NEWBERRY
AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — After a tumultuous offseason and leading the Atlanta Hawks to the top seed in the Eastern Conference, Mike Budenholzer beat out Golden State's Steve Kerr for NBA coach of the year on Tuesday.

Budenholzer, in his second year as a head coach, was honored after the Hawks went 60-22 during the regular season, the best mark in franchise history. They won their first division title since 1994, which also was the last time they held a No. 1 seed in the playoffs. Budenholzer received 67 first-place votes and 513 points overall in balloting by U.S. sports writers and broadcasters. Kerr, who guided the Warriors to an NBA-best 67-15 record in his first season as coach, received 56 first-place votes and 471 points.

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MELKY WAY



White Sox score 4 in the 9th to edge Indians

Chicago White Sox Melky Cabrera watches his walk off sacrifice fly ball against the Cleveland Indians in the ninth inning of a baseball game on Monday, April 20, 2015, in Chicago. The White Sox beat the Indians 4-3. Associated Press
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Ducks rally for 5-4 OT win, lead series 3-0

The Associated Press

WINNIPEG, Manitoba (AP)

— Rickard Rakell scored at 5:12 of overtime to lift the Anaheim Ducks over the Winnipeg Jets 5-4 on Monday in Game 3 of their playoff series.

Anaheim leads the series 3-0.

Jakob Silfverberg scored and added two assists for the Ducks in regulation. Ryan Kesler, Corey Perry and Cam Fowler also scored for Anaheim.

Bryan Little, Tyler Myers, Lee Stempniak and Blake Wheeler scored for Winnipeg, which was hosting its first NHL playoff game since 1996.

For the third straight game,



Anaheim Ducks left wing Matt Beleskey (39) gets upended in an unsuccessful shot on goal against the Winnipeg Jets during the third period of Game 3 of the opening round of the Stanley Cup NHL hockey playoffs, Monday, April 20, 2015, in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Associated Press

Winnipeg blew a third-period lead and in the process became the first team in NHL history to lose the first three of a series when leading at the second intermission each time, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. Game 4 is Wednesday in Winnipeg.

RANGERS 2, PENGUINS 1

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Henrik Lundqvist stopped 23 shots and New York regained control of its first-round series against Pittsburgh Penguins with a win in Game 3. Carl Hagelin and Chris Kreider scored for New York, which dominated for two periods then held on late to take a 2-1 series lead.

Game 4 is Wednesday in Pittsburgh.

Patric Hornqvist scored his third career playoff goal for the Penguins, but Pittsburgh couldn't overcome another slow start. Marc-Andre Fleury made 24 saves, but the Penguins couldn't back up their strong play in Game 2.

WILD 3, BLUES 0

ST. PAUL, Minnesota (AP) — Devan Dubnyk made 17 saves and Jason Pominville and Zach Parise scored second-period goals as Minnesota earned a victory over St. Louis in Game 3 of their Western Conference series. □

Coach of the year

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A longtime assistant under San Antonio's Gregg Popovich, Budenholzer went 38-44 with the Hawks during an injury-plagued debut season. But the Hawks surged to the top of the East in his second season, giving Atlanta its first coach of the year since Lenny Wilkins 21 years ago. Milwaukee's Jason Kidd finished a distant third in the balloting with one first-place vote and 57 points. Popovich and Chicago's Tom Thibodeau were the only other coaches to receive first-place votes. The Hawks had a troubled summer after emails emerged showing owner Bruce Levenson made racially charged comments about the team's fan base. Shortly afterward, it was revealed that Levenson's emails were discovered during the team's investi-

gation into insensitive comments by general manager Danny Ferry during a conference call to discuss the potential signing of free agent Luol Deng.

Levenson announced he would sell his share of the team — a process that is still ongoing — while Ferry took an indefinite leave that has lasted all season. Budenholzer, with help from assistant GM Wes Wilcox, was forced to take over control of player personnel matters as well as his coaching duties.

After a sluggish start, the Hawks suddenly got hot in December. They set a franchise record with a 19-game winning streak and in January became the first NBA team to go 17-0 in a calendar month.

Atlanta finished seven games ahead of the overwhelming preseason favorites, LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Budenholzer was credited with bringing to Atlanta the team-first style that worked so well for the Spurs. □

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Butler scores 31, Bulls beat Bucks 91-82 to go up 2-0

The Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — Jimmy Butler set a playoff career-high for the second straight game with 31 points as Chicago beat Milwaukee 91-82 on Monday to take a 2-0 lead in their first-round series.

After scoring 25 points in Game 1, Butler was at his best down the stretch, scoring 14 points in the fourth quarter.

Chicago's Derrick Rose scored all of his 15 points in the second half after dominating in the series opener. Pau Gasol added 11 points and 16 rebounds and Mike Dunleavy Jr. scored 12 points for the third-seeded Bulls.

Khris Middleton led the sixth-seeded Bucks with 22 points, and Michael Carter-Williams scored 12.

Game 3 is Thursday at Milwaukee.

WARRIORS 97, PELICANS 87
OAKLAND, California (AP) — Klay Thompson scored 26 points and Stephen Curry had 22 points and six assists as Golden State regrouped from an early deficit to take a 2-0 lead in their first-round series.

The top-seeded Warriors fell behind by 13 points in the first quarter after a strong start by the Pelicans' Anthony Davis and Eric Gordon. A big burst before halftime pushed the Warriors ahead, and they did just enough in the closing moments to put away the pesky Pelicans.

Game 3 is Thursday in New Orleans.

Davis had 26 points and 10 rebounds, and Gordon scored 23 points for the



Chicago Bulls forward Pau Gasol, left, looks to pass against the Milwaukee Bucks during the second half in Game 1 of the NBA basketball playoffs Saturday, April 18, 2015, in Chicago.

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White Sox rally for 4-3 victory over Indians

The Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — Melky Cabrera capped Chicago's four-run ninth inning with an RBI single off Cody Allen, sending the White Sox to a 4-3 victory over the Cleveland Indians on Monday night.

Six consecutive batters reached safely before Cabrera drove a fastball into left-center for the game-ending hit. Alexei Ramirez doubled home two runs and Gordon Beckham had a tying RBI single.

David Robertson (1-0)

worked a perfect ninth for his first win with the White Sox. Allen (0-2) recorded just one out in his first blown save in four chances.

Chicago had managed just four hits before the big finish.

Trevor Bauer pitched seven sparkling innings for Cleveland, which has dropped seven of nine. Ryan Raburn and Brett Hayes homered, and Michael Brantley had an RBI double.

RED SOX 7, ORIOLES 1, 6 1/2 INNINGS, RAIN

BOSTON (AP) — Justin Mas-



Chicago White Sox Melky Cabrera is mobbed by his teammates after his walk off sacrifice fly ball against the Cleveland Indians in the ninth inning of a baseball game on Monday, April 20, 2015, in Chicago.

Associated Press

terson benefited from five unearned runs as Boston beat Baltimore in a soggy Patriots' Day game shortened by rain.

The first pitch was thrown at 11:04 a.m. under cloudy skies on the Massachusetts holiday after Boston Marathon runners already were on the course that passes close by Fenway Park. Rain began falling steadily in the fourth and intensified, and the game was called after a 1-hour, 42-minute wait.

With the score tied at 1, Boston scored four runs in the third when Wei-Yin Chen (0-1) walked four and made an error, and third baseman Manny Machado committed another error.

Masterson (2-0) allowed one run, three hits and three walks in five innings with six strikeouts.

TIGERS 2, YANKEES 1

DETROIT (AP) — J.D. Marti-

nez and Yoenis Cespedes hit consecutive RBI singles in the seventh inning, and Joba Chamberlain got Jacoby Ellsbury to hit into a crucial double play in the eighth, helping Detroit beat New York.

CC Sabathia (0-3) faced the minimum number of hitters through the first six innings, but with two out and a man on second in the seventh, the Yankees intentionally walked Victor Martinez. J.D. Martinez followed with a sharp single that shortstop Didi Gregorius was unable to keep in the infield, and Cespedes' single scored Martinez.

The Yankees had men on first and third with one out in the eighth when Chamberlain relieved Alfredo Simon (3-0). Ellsbury's hard grounder went right to second baseman Ian Kinsler, and the double play ended the threat.

Joakim Soria pitched the ninth for his fifth save.

ROYALS 7, TWINS 1

KANSAS CITY, Missouri (AP) — Edinson Volquez dodged trouble for seven innings as Kansas City scored two runs on wild pitches before pounding stumbling Minnesota.

Alcides Escobar returned from a sprained knee to score a run, and Kendrys Morales and Paulo Orlando drove in a pair each as the Royals finally figured out Twins nemesis Kyle Gibson.

The right-hander gave up four runs in five-plus innings. Gibson (1-2) had earned the win in his first four starts against Kansas City, including a dominant performance in a 3-1 victory last week at Target Field.

Volquez (2-1) was more than his match Monday night at Kauffman Stadium. He allowed five hits while striking out five with only one walk, wiggling out of jams whenever he got into them.

ATHLETICS 6, ANGELS 3

ANAHEIM, California (AP) — Stephen Vogt hit a go-ahead three-run homer, Marcus Semien also went deep against Matt Shoemaker and Oakland won the opener of a four-game series.

Athletics right-hander Kendall Graveman was staked to a 5-3 lead in his third major league start, but lasted just three-plus innings. Manager Bob Melvin pulled him after he walked Erick Aybar and C.J. Cron to open the fourth and ran his pitch count up to 73. □



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Bryant's 3 RBIs lead Cubs over Pirates 5-2



Chicago Cubs' Kris Bryant swings a weighted bat as he is on deck in the first inning of a baseball game against the Pittsburgh Pirates on Monday, April 20, 2015, in Pittsburgh. Bryant had 3 hits in 4 at bats, driving in 4 runs as the Cubs beat the Pirates 5-2.

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Kris Bryant turned his tiebreaking two-run double into a homer with some heads-up baserunning, and the star rookie had three hits and three RBIs to lead Chicago.

Bryant's double off Arquimedes Caminero (0-1) hit off the base of the left-center field fence in the seventh inning and snapped a 1-all tie. He advanced to third base on the throw home, and raced across the plate when catcher Francisco Cervelli missed the throw for an error.

Bryant, who tied the game with an RBI single in the fifth, is 6 for 14 (.429) with four RBIs in four games since his much-anticipated callup from

Triple-A Iowa on Friday. He was a spring training sensation, hitting nine home runs in 40 at-bats for the Cubs.

Jake Arrieta (2-1) allowed only one run and three hits in seven innings for the win while striking out seven and walking none.

REDS 6, BREWERS 1

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Anthony Desclafani pitched eight shutout innings and Zach Cozart and Joey Votto homered to lead Cincinnati.

Desclafani (2-0) held Milwaukee hitless until Adam Lind's double with two outs in the fourth. Hector Gomez's fifth-inning single was the only other hit off Desclafani, who struck out five and ran his scoreless innings streak to 15.

Desclafani and Milwau-

kee starter Wily Peralta (0-2) were locked in a scoreless battle through five innings. The Reds got to Peralta in the sixth. Brayan Pena drove in the game's first run with a sacrifice fly and Cozart followed with a three-run homer.

Votto added a two-run homer in the seventh off Peralta.

Ryan Braun homered with one out in the ninth for the Brewers.

PADRES 14, ROCKIES 3

DENVER (AP) — Matt Kemp had three hits and four RBIs as San Diego scored nine runs in the first two innings and went on to win for the fifth time in six games.

Derek Norris had three of San Diego's 17 hits, Will Venable homered and Odrisamer Despaigne

got his first major league hit.

For the second time this season every Padres starter got a hit, including Despaigne (2-0), who led off the third with a single. It was more than enough for the Cuban right-hander, who allowed just two runs on six hits in 6 2-3 innings.

Rockies starter Jorge De

La Rosa struggled in his 2015 debut, lasting two innings. The left-hander missed the first two weeks of the season with a left groin strain and was activated from the disabled list before the game.

In other NL games it was Chicago Cubs 5, Pittsburgh 2; Cincinnati 6, Milwaukee 1; and San Diego 14, Colorado 3. □



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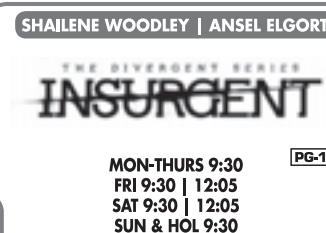
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What You Eat

By: Dr Carlos Viana

A famous French connoisseur of good food and drink, Jean Anthelme Brillat-Savarin in 1825 said, "Tell me what you eat and I will tell you what you are". In the 1920s and 30s, the nutritionist Victor Lindlahr, who believed that food controls health, developed the Catabolic Diet. Victor said, "Ninety per cent of the diseases known to man are caused by cheap foodstuffs. You are what you eat." However, most people attribute the phrase "You are what you eat" to Adelle Davis, a leading spokesperson for the organic food movement.

Adelle Davis, was an North American author and a pioneer of nutrition during the mid-20th century. She advocated whole unprocessed foods, criticized food additives, and claimed that dietary supplements and other nutrients play a dominant role in maintaining health, preventing disease, and restoring health after the onset of disease. Interestingly, our Aruban diet 50 years ago was made up of whole unprocessed foods that did not contain food additives. Unfortunately, modern families worldwide today have been seduced by the convenience and apparent low cost of junk food.

Another nutritional hero of mine, Dr. Weston A. Price, a Cleveland dentist,

searching for the causes of dental decay and physical degeneration he observed daily in his dental practice, turned from test tubes and microscopes to study "people with fine teeth". In the 1930's he traveled worldwide. Dr. Price found that beautiful, straight teeth, freedom from decay, athletic bodies, and resistance to disease, and fine characters were typical of people still eating their traditional diets. Dr Price took thousands of pictures showing children, smiling to show their healthy teeth. When he examined children of parents who had adopted the "modern" diets of devitalized processed foods, he found a disturbing contrast. Children whose parents ate processed foods had more narrow faces, crowded teeth and dental arches, both which were more susceptible to dental decay, and Dr Price found these children to have a reduced immunity to disease.

The impact of your food choices not only affects your physical body, but chemical imbalances can affect the brain, causing depression, anxiety, and other problems. When wrong food, food additives, chemicals and lifestyle put a strain on organs, the spirit can also be affected. How can you have passion when you are exhausted or sick?

The North American Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states that they are seeing people in the States with diabetes living longer, yet as our modern diets have changed, diabetes has grown to an epidemic. Diabetes and pre-diabetes (insulin resistance) is a costly medical problem. People diagnosed with diabetes have medical expenditures that are about 2.3 times higher than medical expenses for people without diabetes. Diabetes is preventable when doctors are trained how to identify insulin resistance before it becomes Type II diabetes and patients are educated and willing to change.

Food, herb, drug, and chemical intolerance can also have profound impact on your health. Your immune system is a network of organs, glands and tissues that protect your body from foreign substances, such as bacteria, viruses and cancer risk. Besides lowering your immune system, food and chemical intolerance makes weight loss impossible. We always begin our relationship with a patient by recommending a metabolic or blood type diet and supplements to offset modern, devitalized foods.

When patients are ready to do more to improve their health, we offer a scientifically tested, comprehensive food and chemical sensitivity test using a simple blood test or "ALCAT" test. With results from this specialized test, patients eliminate not only chemicals and "unhealthy"

foods, but some seemingly "healthy" foods that show "hidden" reactions which hold people back from becoming healthy as possible. We've seen people successfully overcome a wide variety of conditions such as digestive disorders, migraines, obesity, chronic fatigue, skin disorders and arthritis.

The wrong food choices also have an impact on what should be a natural process, growing older. Traditional Chinese Medicine doctors are looking at their maturing patients to see if they are aging "Gracefully". Gracefully aging individuals still possess an inquisitive mind and are full of flexible energy. Even after working all day, my partner, Phyllis and I look forward to an afternoon swimming or dancing the salsa in the evening.

With the wrong food choices, many people are experiencing accelerated aging that can be identified through medical tests. Older patients often complain of exhaustion, stiffness, and dizziness. Looking at their arms and legs I can see the signs of muscle loss that will quickly develop into bone loss. Aging individuals, who have not yet developed advanced degenerative diseases, can quickly recover their metabolic balance, slowing down and even reversing their aging rate.

Get The Point! Recent studies show that diabetes and its consequences have changed form a disease of our grandparents and parents to young adults and chil-

dren. Luckily, studies also show that lifestyle changes can prevent or delay the onset of diabetes type II. For people with pre-diabetes, starting with what you eat and losing as little as 5%-7% body weight including a minimum of 3 hours of physical activity per week can reduce the rate of onset of type 2 diabetes by 58%. We see these positive clinical results in clinic nearly every day. For individual testing and personal education on how to eat for your best health, call us.

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Apple digs in on green with China solar, U.S. forest projects

BRANDON BAILEY
AP Technology Writer

PALO ALTO, Calif. (AP) — In a quest to be more green, Apple says it is investing in Chinese solar power and preserving forests that make environmentally friendly paper.

The initiatives come as the tech giant this year met a self-imposed goal of powering all its U.S. operations with renewable energy to reduce carbon emissions — initiatives that have won high marks from environmental groups.

On Thursday, Apple announced a new focus on using paper from trees harvested under environmentally sound conditions. It's also promising to use more renewable power overseas, where Apple relies heavily on contract manufacturers — and where a top executive acknowledged the company can do more.

"It's important to us to tackle climate change everywhere we are," Lisa Jackson, Apple's vice president for environmental initiatives, told The Associated Press. "When you talk about China, you're talking about manufacturing partners. We're looking to bring the same innovation there. This is the start."

The new solar project in China has a capacity of 40 megawatts, which is smaller than some projects Apple has announced in the United States. By comparison, Apple is spending \$850 million for rights to

sumed by Apple's 19 corporate offices and 21 retail stores in China and Hong Kong, Jackson said. She added that Apple uses renewable energy for 87 percent of the power at its facilities worldwide.



In this Dec. 5, 2012 file photo, then EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson speaks at the 2012 Tribal Nations Conference at the Interior Department in Washington.

Associated Press

nearly half the output of a 280-megawatt solar facility planned for construction south of Apple's Cupertino, California, headquarters. That project will produce enough energy to power all of Apple's California offices, a computer center and 52 retail stores.

Still, the Chinese project will produce more than the amount of energy con-

sumed by Apple's 19 corporate offices and 21 retail stores in China and Hong Kong, Jackson said. She added that Apple uses renewable energy for 87 percent of the power at its facilities worldwide.

"Before we go somewhere else and start asking and eventually requiring clean energy, you want to make sure you show folks how to

do it," said Jackson, who was U.S. Environmental Protection Agency administrator during President Barack Obama's first term. Apple and other tech companies have drawn criticism in the past for use of toxics in manufacturing and data centers powered by electricity from coal. But Apple's moves away from those practices in recent years have won accolades from groups like Greenpeace, which issued a statement praising the Chinese project Thursday. Jackson declined to say how much Apple is investing in the Chinese project, which is being built in partnership with U.S. energy company SunPower and four Chinese firms. Although China is known for heavy reliance on coal, its government has set aggressive goals for solar, wind and hydroelectric power.

Meanwhile, Apple pledged an unspecified amount of money for a Virginia-based nonprofit, the Conservation Fund, to purchase two large tracts of timberland on the East Coast. The Conservation Fund will resell the land — 36,000 acres of timberland in Maine and North Carolina — to commercial inter-

ests under legally binding terms that require future owners to preserve the forest and follow environmentally sound principles for cutting and replanting trees.

Larry Selzer, the group's chief executive, said that will protect the forest while keeping it in the hands of private owners who pay taxes and create jobs. Selzer said he'll use proceeds from reselling the land to buy and protect additional tracts.

Apple won't necessarily buy paper made from trees on that land, but Jackson said the investment will increase the supply of sustainable wood fiber. She said the two tracts would produce about half the non-recycled wood fiber used in Apple's product packaging last year.

That would put Apple halfway toward its goal of obtaining all its non-recycled paper products from sustainable timber. Apple wouldn't say how much paper it uses, but it says two-thirds of its paper packaging comes from recycled material. In the last three months of 2014, Apple sold more than 100 million iPhones and other gadgets, most in cardboard boxes. □

Japan's maglev train breaks own speed record at 603 kph

TOKYO (AP) — A Japanese maglev that is the fastest passenger train in the world has broken its own speed record.

Operator JR Central said the train reached 603 kilometers per hour (375 miles per hour) in a test run on Tuesday, surpassing its previous record of 361 mph (581 kph) set in 2003. The train traveled for just over a mile (1.8 kilometers) at a speed exceeding 600 kph (373 mph).

Japan's high-speed rail services are among the most advanced in the world, with hundreds of trains

running each day with minimal delays. However, unlike regular shinkansen or "bullet trains" that run on steel rails, magnetic levitation trains hover above rails, suspended by powerful magnets.

The Maglev Test Line, near Mount Fuji about 80 kilometers (50 miles) west of Tokyo, is developing technology for use on a future 410-kilometer (250-mile) link that will reduce travel time between Tokyo and Osaka to just over an hour. The current minimum by bullet train is nearly three hours.



A Japanese maglev train that is the fastest passenger train in the world runs on the Maglev Test Line in Tsuru, about 80 kilometers (50 miles) west of Tokyo Tuesday, April 21, 2015.

Associated Press

The maglev trains, begun as a project of Japan Airlines and the national railways with government support, have undergone decades of testing. Construction of the Tokyo-Osaka link, which is expected to cost more than 9 trillion yen (\$76 billion), began in 2014.

The line, which will mostly run under mountains, is due to begin operations in the late 2020s. A similar system operates in Shanghai, linking its airport in the seaside suburbs of Pudong to the city's subway system. □

Amgen tops estimates with 51 percent spike in 1Q profit

LINDA A. JOHNSON
AP Business Writer

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Amgen Inc. boosted first-quarter profit by 51 percent, thanks to surging sales of its top prescription drugs and ongoing cost cuts designed to free up cash to mount an unprecedented spurt of new product launches.

The huge biologic drug-maker on Tuesday edged out Wall Street forecasts and boosted its profit forecast for 2015 a bit.

Among the key changes under the restructuring program the Thousand Oaks, California, company announced 1 1/2 years ago, it's been reducing its research and develop-

ment operations temporarily and also cutting some administrative and other positions.

Meanwhile, Amgen has assembled a new sales group to market its first cardiovascular drug, just-approved chronic heart failure treatment Corlanor, and build relationships with cardiologists ahead of

likely approval of a much more lucrative heart drug. Repatha, expected to be approved in the second half of the year, is part of a new class of pricey cholesterol drugs called PCSK9 inhibitors aimed at patients not helped enough by older, mostly generic statin drugs such as Lipitor.

Amgen reported net in-

come of \$1.62 billion, or \$2.11 per share, up from \$1.07 billion, or \$1.40 per share, in 2014's first quarter. Adjusted net income, after excluding costs for layoffs and other restructuring and integrating drugmaker Onyx, came to \$1.91 billion, or \$2.48 per share. Analysts surveyed by FactSet were expecting \$2.10. □

Mixed earnings news leaves US stocks mostly lower

MATTHEW CRAFT
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Tepid corporate results and another drop in the price of crude oil pulled stocks mostly lower on Tuesday. Major indexes started the day slightly higher, turned lower around noon, then languished until the closing bell. A mixed batch of first-quarter earnings reports offered traders little direction.

DuPont said the rising dollar weighed on its results in the first quarter as earnings and sales shrunk. The chemical giant also lowered its forecast for full-year profits, and its stock fell \$2.15, or 3 percent, to \$70.69.

"It seems the market is in a holding pattern as investors are waiting to see just how much the dollar impacts corporate earnings," said Russell Price, Ameriprise Financial's senior economist. "So far, things are a bit better than expected, but we'll see how it plays out." The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 3.11 points, or 0.2 percent, to close at 2,097.29.



Trader Timothy Nick works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Tepid corporate results and another drop in the price of crude oil pulled stocks mostly lower on Tuesday.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 85.34 points, or 0.5 percent, to 17,949.59 while the Nasdaq composite gained 19.50 points, or 0.4 percent, to 5,014.10.

A strong dollar reflects the relative strength of the U.S. economy, but for big companies with customers around the world, a rising dollar can mean trouble.

It hits Corporate America in two ways, making goods produced in the U.S. more expensive to foreign customers and diminishing the value of sales collected in foreign currencies when U.S. corporations bring the money home.

The rising dollar is a key reason analysts forecast that first-quarter corporate

earnings will fall 2.2 percent, according to S&P Capital IQ. They expect sales to sink 1.8 percent. Over the past week, Johnson & Johnson, American Express and General Electric blamed the dollar for hurting their results.

Among a slew of other companies reporting results Tuesday, Harley-Da-

vidson turned in quarterly sales that fell short of analysts' targets. The maker of motorcycles also cut its full-year forecast for shipments, blaming price cuts by rivals as well as the strong dollar. The company's stock fell \$6.05, or 10 percent, to \$55.72.

Teva Pharmaceuticals proposed buying Mylan NV, another maker of generic drugs, for more than \$40 billion in cash and stock. The offer depends on Mylan dropping its proposed acquisition of yet another drugmaker, Perrigo. Mylan's stock jumped \$6.02, or 9 percent, to \$74.07. Teva's rose 87 cents, or 1 percent, to \$64.16.

Major markets in Europe continued their recent climb. Germany's DAX finished with a gain of 0.4 percent, while France's CAC-40 inched up 0.1 percent. Britain's FTSE 100 added 0.2 percent.

Hong Kong's Hang Seng led a surge in Asian markets, jumping 2.8 percent. The Shanghai Composite Index in mainland China added 1.8 percent. □

Credit Suisse profit rises 23 percent in first quarter

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LONDON - Credit Suisse said Tuesday that profit rose 23 percent in the first quarter as the bank benefited from an uptick in market activity and measures it took to offset a sharp rise in the value of the Swiss franc.

For the first three months of the year, Credit Suisse reported earnings of 1.05 billion francs, or about \$1.1

billion. That compares with a profit of 859 million francs in the same period in 2013. Its results in the first quarter exceeded analysts' expectations.

In January, the Swiss National Bank abandoned a cap on the franc against the euro, causing the value of the franc to surge. Credit Suisse, based in Zurich, said it acted in the quarter to offset the appreciation of the currency and the

effect of low interest rates, including cost reductions.

"We delivered another quarter of strong and consistent performance," Brady W. Dougan, the Credit Suisse chief executive, said in a news release. "Wealth management clients generated a particularly strong result, with improved margins, increased profitability and good net asset inflows from key growth regions."

The quarterly results come as Dougan prepares to leave the bank that he has led since 2007. In June, he will be succeeded by Tidjane Thiam, who leads British insurance company Prudential.

Revenue rose 3 percent to 6.67 billion francs in the first quarter.

In the private banking and wealth management division, pretax profit declined 18 percent to 834 million

francs in the first quarter, compared with 1.01 billion francs a year earlier.

The bank said its year-over-year results were "muted" in the division by the appreciation of the Swiss franc. But it added that its wealth management clients segment benefited from increased foreign exchange activity and higher sales and trading revenue after the Swiss National Bank announcement. □

What's Up With You?



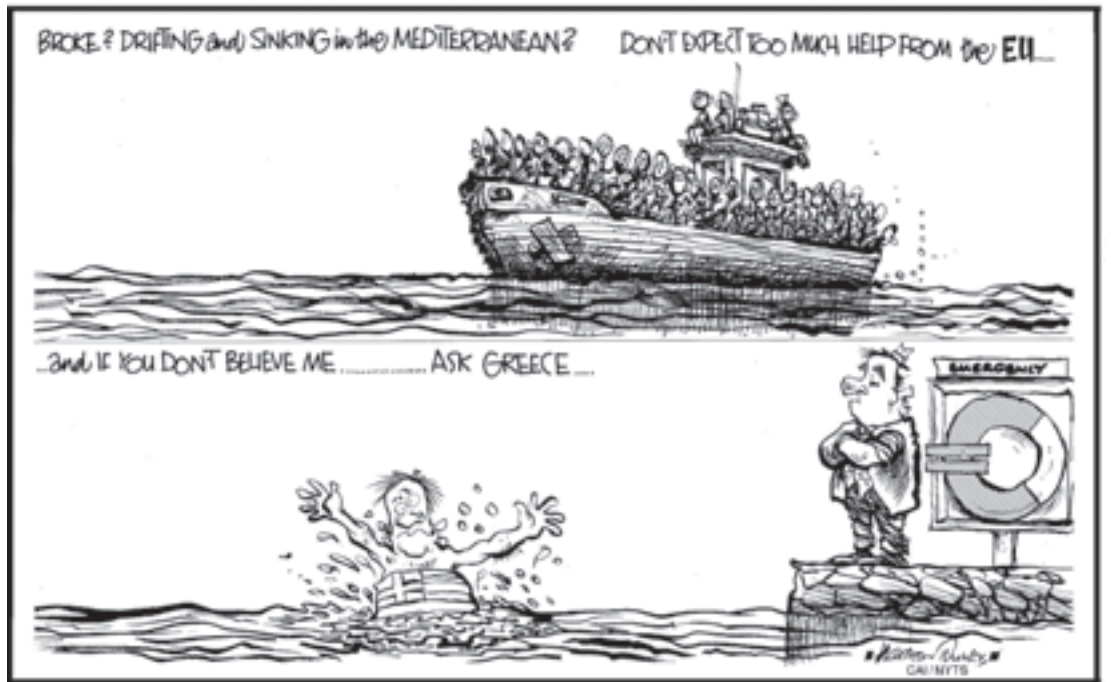
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While U.S.-Iran relations are taking up all the oxygen in the room these days, and they're vitally important for the future of the Middle East, U.S.-China relations are vitally important for the world - and there's more going on there than meets the eye. The concept of "one country, two systems" was invented to describe the relationship between Hong Kong and mainland China. But here's the truth: the American and Chinese economies and futures today are now totally intertwined, so much so that they are the real "one country-two systems" to watch. And after recently being in China to attend the big Boao Forum on Hainan Island, and hearing President Xi Jinping speak, what is striking is how much each side in this relationship currently seems to be asking the other, "What's up with you?" Both countries almost take for granted the ties that bind them today: the \$600 billion in annual bilateral trade; the 275,000 Chinese studying in America, and the 25,000 Americans studying in China; the fact that China is now America's largest agricultural market and the largest foreign holder of U.S. debt; and the fact that last year Chinese investment in the United States for the first time exceeded American investment in China. But dig underneath and you find these two systems increasingly baffled by the other. Chinese officials still have not gotten over their profound shock at how the United States - a country they took as an economic model and the place where many of them learned capitalism - could have become so reckless as to trigger the 2008 global subprime mortgage meltdown, which started the trope in China that America is a superpower in decline. Chinese officials were also baffled by an effort by President Barack Obama's team to resist China's establishment of an Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, by lobbying our biggest economic allies - South Korea, Australia, France, Germany, Italy and Britain - not to join. While the Treasury secretary, Jack Lew, kept stressing publicly, and responsibly, that the only American concern was that the bank operate by international standards, other Obama officials actively pressed U.S. allies to stay out. Except for Japan, they all snubbed Washington and joined the Chinese-led bank. The whole episode only empowered Beijing hardliners who argue that the United States just wants to keep China down and can't really accommodate it as a stakeholder.

Americans, though, are asking of Xi: "What's up with you?" Xi's anti-corruption campaign is clearly aimed at stifling the biggest threat to any one-party system: losing its legitimacy because of rampant corruption. But he also seems to be taking out potential political rivals as well. Xi has taken more control over the military, economic and political levers of power in China than any leader since Mao. But to what end - to reform or to stay the same?

Xi is "amassing power to maintain the Communist Party's supremacy," argued Willy Wo-Lap Lam, author of "Chinese Politics in the Era of Xi Jinping: Renaissance, Reform or Retrogression?" Xi "believes one reason behind the Soviet Union's collapse is that the party lost control of the army and the economy." But Xi seems to be more focused on how the Soviet Union collapsed than how America succeeded, and that is not good. His crackdown has not only been on corruption, which is freezing a lot of officials from making any big decisions, but on even the mildest forms of dissent. Foreign textbooks used by universities are being censored, and blogging and searching on China's main Internet sites have never been more controlled. Don't even think about using Google there or reading Western newspapers online.

But, at the same time, Xi has begun a huge push for "innovation," for transforming China's economy from manufacturing and assembly to more knowledge-intensive work, so this one-child generation will be able to afford to take care of two retiring parents in a country with an inadequate social-safety net. Alas, crackdowns don't tend to produce startups. As Antoine van Agtmael, the investor who coined the term "emerging markets," said to me: China is making it harder to innovate in China precisely when rising labor costs in China and rising innovation in America are spurring more companies to build their next plant in the United States, not China. The combination of cheap energy in America and more flexible, open innovation - where universities and startups share brainpower with companies to spin off discoveries; where manufacturers use a new generation of robots and 3-D printers that allow more production to go local; and where new products integrate wirelessly connected sensors with new materials to become smarter, faster than ever - is making America, says van Agtmael, "the next great emerging market." "It's a paradigm shift," he added. "The last 25 years was all about who could make things cheapest, and the next 25 years will be about who can make things smartest." Xi seems to be betting that China is big enough and smart enough to curb the Internet and political speech just enough to prevent dissent but not enough to choke off innovation. This is the biggest bet in the world today. And if he's wrong (and color me dubious) we're all going to feel it. □



Starving for Wisdom



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"We are drowning in information, while starving for wisdom." That epigram from E.O. Wilson captures the dilemma of our era. Yet the solution of some folks is to disdain wisdom. "Is it a vital interest of the state to have more anthropologists?" Rick Scott, the Florida governor, once asked. A leader of a prominent Internet company once told me that the firm regards admission to Harvard as a useful heuristic of talent, but a college education itself as useless. Parents and students themselves are acting on these principles, retreating from the humanities. Among college graduates in 1971, there were about two business majors for each English major. Now there are seven times as many. (I was a political science major; if I were doing it over, I'd be an economics major with a foot in the humanities.) I've been thinking about this after reading Fareed Zakaria's smart new book, "In Defense of a Liberal Education." Like Zakaria, I think that the liberal arts teach critical thinking (not to mention nifty words like "heuristic"). So, to answer the skeptics, here are my three reasons the humanities enrich our souls and sometimes even our pocketbooks as well. First, liberal arts equip students with communications and interpersonal skills that are valuable and genuinely rewarded in the labor force, especially when accompanied by technical abilities.

"A broad liberal arts education is a key pathway to success in the 21st-century economy," says Lawrence Katz, a labor economist at Harvard. Katz says that the economic return to pure technical skills has flattened, and the highest return now goes to those who combine soft skills - excellence at communicating and working with people - with technical skills.

"So I think a humanities major who also did a lot of computer science, economics, psychology, or other sciences can be quite valuable and have great career flexibility," Katz said. "But you need both, in my view, to maximize your potential. And an economics major or computer science major or biology or engineering or physics major who takes serious courses in the humanities and history also will be a much more valuable scientist, financial professional, economist or entrepreneur."

My second reason: We need people conversant with the humanities to help reach wise public policy decisions, even about the sciences. Technology companies must constantly weigh ethical decisions: Where should Facebook set its privacy defaults, and should it tolerate glimpses of nudity? Should Twitter close accounts that seem sympathetic to terrorists? How should Google handle sex and violence, or defamatory articles?

In the policy realm, one of the most important decisions we humans will have to make is whether to allow germline gene modification. This might eliminate certain diseases, ease suffering, make our offspring smarter and more beautiful. But it would also change our species. It would enable the wealthy to concoct superchildren. It's exhilarating and terrifying.

To weigh these issues, regulators should be informed by first-rate science, but also by first-rate humanism. After all, Homer addressed similar issues three millennia ago.

In "The Odyssey," the beautiful nymph Calypso offers immortality to Odysseus if he will stay on her island. After a fling with her,

Odysseus ultimately rejects the offer because he misses his wife, Penelope. He turns down godlike immortality to embrace suffering and death that are essential to the human condition.

Likewise, when the President's Council on Bioethics issued its report in 2002, "Human Cloning and Human Dignity," it cited scientific journals but also Ernest Hemingway's "The Old Man and the Sea." Even science depends upon the humanities to shape judgments about ethics, limits and values.

Third, wherever our careers lie, much of our happiness depends upon our interactions with those around us, and there's some evidence that literature nurtures a richer emotional intelligence. Science magazine published five studies indicating that research subjects who read literary fiction did better at assessing the feelings of a person in a photo than those who read nonfiction or popular fiction. Literature seems to offer lessons in human nature that help us decode the world around us and be better friends. Literature also builds bridges of understanding. Toni Morrison has helped all America understand African-American life. Jhumpa Lahiri illuminated immigrant contradictions. Khaled Hosseini opened windows on Afghanistan.

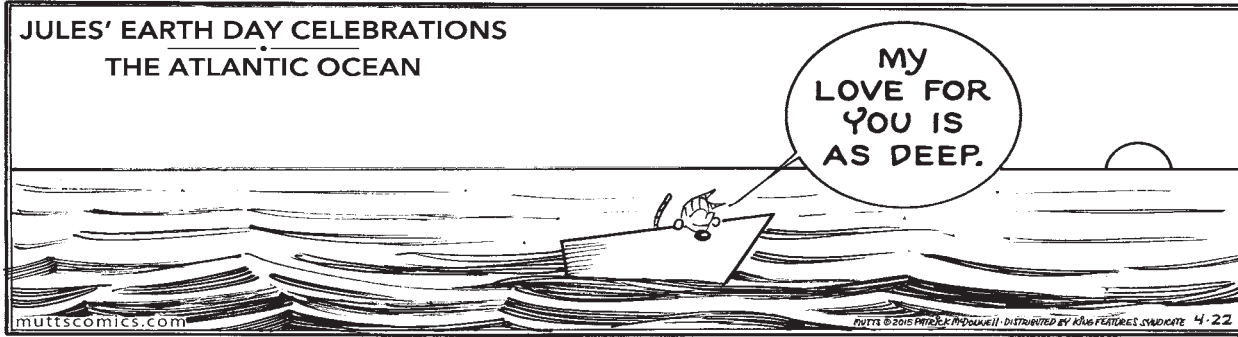
In short, it makes eminent sense to study coding and statistics today, but also history and literature.

John Adams had it right when he wrote to his wife, Abigail, in 1780: "I must study Politics and War that my sons may have liberty to study Mathematicks and Philosophy."

My sons ought to study Mathematics and Philosophy, Geography, natural History and Naval Architecture, navigation, Commerce and Agriculture, in order to give their Children a right to study Painting, Poetry, Musick, Architecture, Statuary, Tapestry and Porcelaine."

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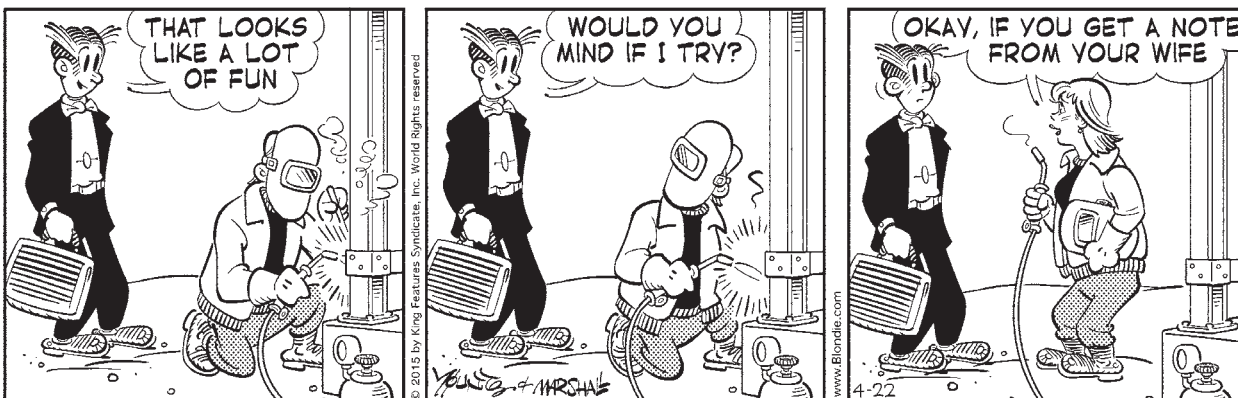
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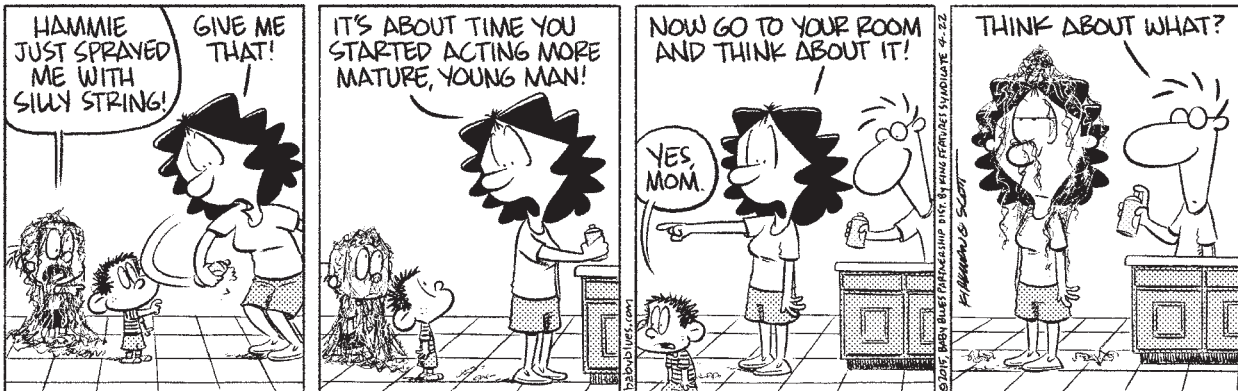
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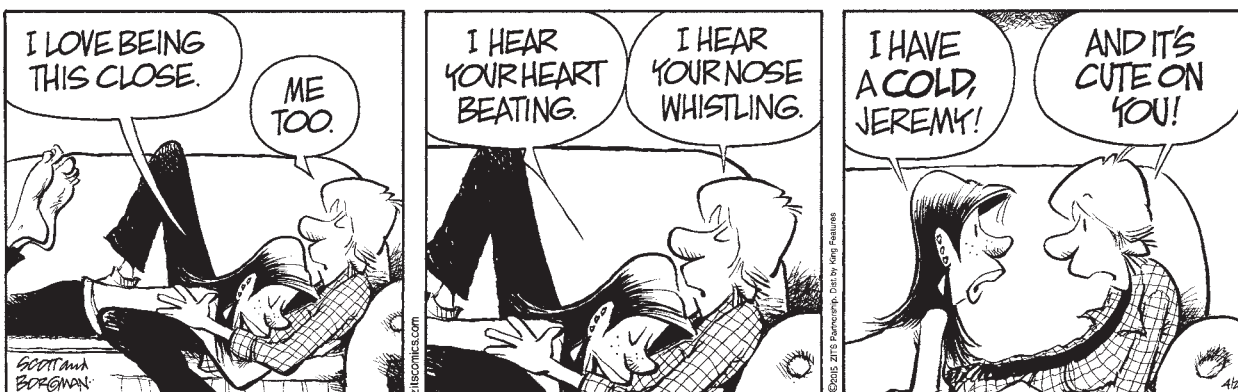
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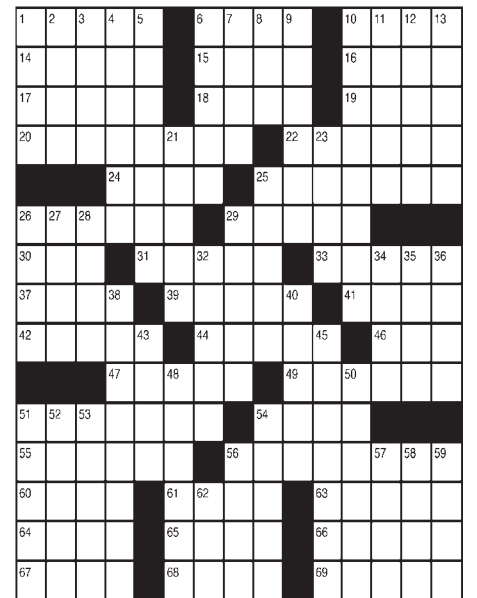
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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9	1	4	5	2	6	7	8	3
7	2	1	4	5	9	6	3	8
5	6	9	2	3	8	1	4	7
8	4	3	6	7	1	5	9	2

ACROSS

- Procrastinator's word
- Racketeer's racket
- Treble __; musical symbol
- Mistreat
- Havana's nation
- "Over __, over dale, as we..."
- Waltz or twist
- Rainbows, e.g.
- Competent
- Thieves
- Evening party
- Year; long
- Long thin pointed flag
- Go skyward
- Pete & Charlie
- Writer Tolstoy
- Trait carriers
- Wooden shoe
- Burn
- Financial obligations
- Walk in ankle-deep water
- __ for; picked
- Nuisances
- Hawaii's Mauna __
- Like many infections
- Furry swimmers
- Stockpile of weapons
- Wild hog
- Rained cats and dogs
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- Grows gray
- Covered with frosting
- Shed crocodile tears
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- Convinced
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| 38 Does a 180 | 53 Napped leather |
| 40 Bar seat | 54 Pal |
| 43 Eat | 56 Student's summons |
| 45 Least fresh | 57 Health nut's lunch, perhaps |
| 48 Vegetable eaten raw | 58 "It is what --" |
| 50 Slight shake | 59 Orderly |
| 51 Take __; undo | 62 Pigeon's cry |
| 52 Scoundrel | |

Head of Venezuela congress sues news outlets for reports

FABIOLA SANCHEZ
Associated Press
CARACAS, Venezuela

(AP) — The powerful head of Venezuela's congress announced Tuesday that he is suing several news outlets for publishing reports linking him to the drug trade.

National Assembly chief Diosdado Cabello said he will file a lawsuit against the outlets that published stories in January saying his bodyguard had defected to the United States to testify that his former boss heads a drug ring of political and military officials.

Cabello, who is the second most powerful figure in Venezuela's ruling socialist party after President Nicolas Maduro, has denied any ties to the drug trade.

The announcement on his Twitter account said he would sue the large Venezuelan newspaper El Nacional, the Venezuelan weekly Tal Cual and the popular online news site La Patilla as well as the Spanish newspaper ABC, which first published the report.

Critics of Venezuela's government immediately condemned the lawsuit as part of what they say is a broad strategy of censorship and suppression of free expression.

The head of El Nacional, Miguel Otero, said the newspaper would not change its editorial stance as a result of the suit. □

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U.S. agency: Humpback whales' recovery is a success story

CALEB JONES

Associated Press

HONOLULU (AP) — The humpback whale became the unofficial symbol for the conservation movement in the last century.

The iconic mammal that can be found across the planet was on the verge of extinction. The international community banned whaling the species in 1966, and the U.S. government listed it as endangered four years later.

On Monday, U.S. officials proposed removing most of the world's humpback whales from the endangered species list, noting their recovery after 45 years of protection and restoration efforts is a remarkable achievement.

"To be able to bring a species to a point where their population is doing well and they no longer meet those requirements to be on the endangered species act, I think that is a really important success for us as a nation," said Donna Weiting, director of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's protected resources office. "So I think it's quite a big deal," she said at a news conference.

The agency is proposing dividing humpback whale populations into 14 categories and removing 10 of them from the endangered list. Of the remaining four categories, two would be listed as threatened, and



this Jan. 23, 2005 file photo, a humpback whale leaps out of the water in the channel off the town of Lahaina on the island of Maui in Hawaii. The federal government is proposing removing most of the world's humpback whale population from the endangered species list. **National**

Associated Press

the other two would stay on the endangered list. But just because the animal could be taken off the endangered list doesn't mean there soon will be hunting seasons again.

All the whales remain protected under the Marine Mammals Protection Act, and the United States is still an active member of the International Whaling Commission, which banned commercial whaling in 1966, said Angela Somma, chief of NOAA Fisheries' endangered species division.

Just a few places in the world allow humpback whale hunting, and that's for aboriginal subsistence only, according to the commission's website. Three nations — Japan, Norway and Iceland — still allow the mammals to be killed for scientific research. Humans hunted humpbacks in much higher numbers before their listing as endangered in 1970. Officials say protection and restoration efforts have since increased the whales' numbers in many areas.

Marta Nammack, NOAA Fisheries' national Endangered Species Act listing coordinator, estimates the global population of humpbacks at around 90,000. Decisions on which humpback groups to recommend for delisting were based on many factors, including the risks they face. The single largest threat to humpbacks is fishing activities that result in the whales becoming tangled in fishing gear and drowning, NOAA officials said. Rebecca Noblin, Alaska

director for the Center for Biological Diversity, said the whales' consideration for removal from the list is a good sign, but it might be premature.

Whales continue to be vulnerable to factors including climate change and ocean acidification, which affects their prey stock, she said.

"It would really be beneficial to continue to have the protections of the Endangered Species Act as the oceans change," she said. □

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Encore! TV does it again with planned 'Full House' revival

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AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — As TV networks plunder the recycling bin for old shows to revive, "Full House" must have been the final scrap at the bottom of the barrel. Or so it would seem to those gobsmacked by news that Netflix is resuscitating the 1987-95 ABC sitcom — which, even for fans, is tenderly remembered as ephemeral fluff — for 13 new episodes revisiting the Tanners of San Francisco and re-titled "Fuller House." As the "Full House" theme song posed jauntily, "Whatever happened to predictability — the milkman, the paperboy, evening TV?" These days, "evening TV" is gloriously unpredictable in many quarters ("Louie," "Game of Thrones," "Mad Men" and Netflix's own "Orange Is the New Black," to name a bare handful). But at the same time, television programmers are heeding the echo chamber's siren call, breathing new life (or trying) into old TV concepts refashioned as new.

Two years ago, Netflix revived the offbeat comedy "Arrested Development," which Fox had canceled eight years earlier.

CBS is in its fifth season of the updated "Hawaii Five-O," whose original CBS version left the air in 1980.

Last fall, TNT canceled "Dallas" after three seasons — and two decades after the original "Dallas" ended a 14-season run on CBS.

Let's not forget "The Odd Couple," which premiered in February on CBS. Starring Matthew Perry and Thomas Lennon as the mismatched flat-mates, it is based on the 1968 film, which was based on the 1965 Broad-

way comedy, which inspired the long-running 1970 ABC sitcom (starring Jack Klugman and Tony Randall) as well as the 1982 ABC flop featuring an African-American odd couple (played by Demond Wilson and Ron Glass).

And now let's look ahead: — A reboot of the 1990-91 ABC thriller "Twin Peaks," set for 2016, was announced last fall by Showtime with co-creators David Lynch and Mark Frost back on board for a new round of eeriness. Earlier this month, Lynch said he was exiting the project, but Showtime expressed hopes of salvaging the series with both principals participating.



In this Nov. 10, 2010 file photo, Craig T. Nelson arrives at a screening of "The Company Men" during American Film Institute's Fest 2010 in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

— NBC is game for a new round of the 1989-97 sitcom "Coach." The network has ordered 13 episodes of what it is pointedly calling a "sequel," not a revival or, um, rip-off of the ABC original, with Craig T. Nelson again starring as Hayden Fox, former head coach of a college football team and now assistant coach to his grown son, who's the

new head coach at an Ivy League school.

— MTV2 announced last week that it has ordered a pilot for the resurrection of "Celebrity Death Match," the ultimate-fighting spoof that pits animated effigies of stars against each other. The series originally aired on MTV from 1998 to 2002, then returned to MTV2 in 2005 for two more seasons,

with such puppet face-offs as Ice Cube against Ice-T and Hillary Rodham Clinton vs. Monica Lewinsky. — And don't forget "The X-Files," which will bring back agents Mulder and Scully (David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson) after a dozen years' absence from the Fox airwaves for six new episodes set to air on Fox this summer. Will the truth still be out there?

It's worth remembering that "The X-Files" was a rarity when it premiered in 1993. It explored the occult, the paranormal and extraterrestrial life, as well as delving into the public's fear of science and technology, of government and themselves. It was a very long shot. But it caught on big and ran nine seasons and spawned two feature films. □



In this Feb. 22, 2015 file photo, John Stamos arrives at the 87th Academy Awards - 2015 Elton John AIDS Foundation Oscar Party in West Hollywood, Calif.

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Toni Morrison sets her new novel in an alien world: Today

BY HILLEL ITALIE

AP National Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Toni Morrison has written 11 novels and won all the great prizes, but found herself struggling with her new book, "God Help the Child."

Much of her work, from "Beloved" to "Jazz," has been set in the distant past. But she placed "God Help the Child" in a time so close, the present, she wasn't sure at first how to define it.

"It's very self-referential. One of the major things that is going on is 'Me. Me. Me, me, me.' 'Look at me. Look at my picture. Look at my novel. I write about myself. Look at my story,'" she said during a recent interview at her downtown



In this Feb. 27, 2013 file photo, author Toni Morrison signs copies of her latest book "Home," during Google's online program series, Authors At Google, in New York.

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healing," Bride observes. Morrison believes her job as a writer is to upend conventional thinking, whether about race (a social construct, she calls it), or happiness. Romantic love or professional fulfillment is the ideal resolution for most stories; Morrison favors the "acquisition of knowledge." Sweetness, for instance, has been an irresponsible mother, but at least she can acknowledge it. "I was pretty once," she thought, "real pretty, and I believed it was enough," Morrison writes in the novel of Sweetness. "Well, actually, it was until it wasn't, until I had to be a real person, meaning a thinking one. Smart enough to know heavy-weight was a condition not a disease; smart enough now to read the minds of selfish people right away. Born in Lorain, Ohio, in 1931, Morrison has been a compulsive reader since childhood. She taught for several years at her alma mater, Howard University, before joining Random House in the mid-1960s as an editor when she was virtually the only black woman in the industry — a percentage that has hardly budged over the decades. She was also a single mother who worked in her spare time on what became her debut novel, "The Bluest Eye," released in 1970.

Over the next 20 years, she rose to the very top of the literary world, winning a National Book Critics Circle for the 1977 novel "Song of Solomon," a Pulitzer Prize in 1988 for "Beloved" and the Nobel in 1993. One of her secrets, she says, is her "invisible ink," the ability to convey a message without preaching, like withholding her characters' skin color in "Paradise."

Only by freeing herself from the "white gaze," the "little critic that sits on your shoulder," could the invisible ink flow.

"There was this language and this culture and these people, and I could speak to them in the same way Tolstoy wrote about Russians," she says. □

Manhattan apartment. "Don't get me wrong. Some of it is very good. But it's not an invention of something you don't know. It's about yourself."

There are no stand-ins for Morrison in her novel, no one who lives even remotely like the world famous, 84-year-old Nobel laureate. She has instead written a modern fairy tale, with one-name characters, magical traits and transformations and questions about race and love and how to lift the curse of self-involvement.

Bride, a blue-black woman so dark that her light-skinned mother, Sweetness, is frightened of her, is a cosmetics entrepreneur haunted by a terrible misdeed from childhood: With her mother's encouragement, she wrongfully accused a schoolteacher of sexually abusing her. Meanwhile, Bride's errant lover, Booker, has never recovered from the murder of his brother at the hands of a trusted adult, the presumed "nicest man in the world."

Bride and Booker cannot escape their troubles, or themselves. Booker is too traumatized to sustain a long-term relationship, while Bride is so crippled by doubt and self-loathing her breasts disappear. "Memory is the worst thing about

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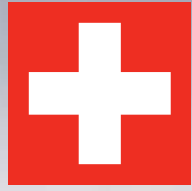
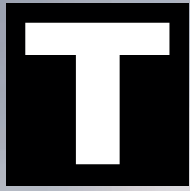
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